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# Maryland Boys State

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Legion, Department of Maryland, Inc.  
Veteran led and Government Leader  
taught for the future generation of leaders.

**June 16-22, 2024 at McDaniel College**

**Tuition is free to the student and family**

**A Local American Legion Post will sponsor your application**

If you are interested in Government, Politics, Leadership, attendance at Military Academy,  
College ROTC, or just a challenging **Academic program** this is the experience for you  
MD Boys State is a week long practical exercise in Government that will have a positive  
influence on your life!!

**Application Deadline May 1, 2024**

*For a local help or sponsorship, contact:*



*For Additional information or help finding a  
sponsor Post call 410-752-1405 or email  
[boysstate@mdlegion.org](mailto:boysstate@mdlegion.org)*



**THE AMERICAN LEGION**  
Department of Maryland, Inc.

The War Memorial Building, Baltimore, Maryland 21202  
410-752-1405

November 27, 2023

Dear 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor,

**The American Legion 2024 MD Boys State Program** will be held at **McDaniel College**, Westminster, Maryland from **June 16 – 22, 2024 (date and location are subject to change)**. Our program is a Nationally recognized program in leadership, government, and political sciences. Tuition for the program for accepted Boys is fully funded by The American Legion, Department of Maryland Posts and sponsors. We ask that the school counselors make distribution as appropriate of the flyers attached.

*Please consider sending this information to Social Science Departments, Student Government Associations, NHS, JROTC, and other areas interested in leadership, governance, and political studies.*

The application process is online at [www.mdlegion.org/boysstate](http://www.mdlegion.org/boysstate) and may be accessed at any time starting in early November 2023. Any student that may be interested should fill out Boys State application completely on-line. Please feel free to duplicate the flyers or send electronically to parents and students. The schools may also contact us for additional copies of the Flyer. The electronic version can be found at [www.mdlegion.org/boysstate](http://www.mdlegion.org/boysstate). There is a sheet that the young men will print to get Guidance Counselor recommendation (also attached), which they can upload once signed. The local American Legion Posts are still the sponsors for this program, and the students should contact their local American Legion Post to arrange funding. If there is no local American Legion Post, send the completed application to Department Headquarters, 101 N. Gay Street, Room E, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. For questions concerning the program call 410-752-3104. For additional information contact The American Legion, Department of MD at [boysstate@mdlegion.org](mailto:boysstate@mdlegion.org) or at 410-752-1405.

The program's aim is to expose current high school juniors to the United States Constitutional form of government. The program will emphasize the necessity of their future active participation as a citizen in the government process to insure continuing freedoms and rights.

The experienced instructors at Boys State offer the students an opportunity of a lifetime to immerse themselves into the creation of a government among equal citizens selected from the finest young men in MD high schools. The challenge to create a functioning City and State government allows the young men to focus their talents in areas seldom explored in a normal classroom environment.

Presenters include politicians and elected leaders from the local and State levels of government, and many special interest topics to young adults. Highlights of the week include a trip to the State Emergency Management Agency, sports, and political simulations, along with City, State, and National elections, where 2 young men earn the right to represent MD at Boys Nation in Washington, DC.

The events this year will feature our General Assembly simulation program. This unique program explores the differences between the State Constitution of Maryland and the Federal Constitution, with written source material spotlighting issues of current legislation pending before Congress and the previous State Legislative sessions.

The students are required to work as a team under close supervision. The students are encouraged to produce and create on their own initiative within their assigned political parties as potential leaders and candidates for future elective public office. We consider this a week of learning and group participation. The experiences gained at Boys State stay with the student their whole life.

Enclosed is a handbook from a previous year's program for your reference. A sample handbook and more resources are located at our website [www.mdlegion.org/boysstate](http://www.mdlegion.org/boysstate).

The need to obtain a college education to compete in the modern world with changing technologies is emphasized by our guest speakers. Boys State is an excellent addition to any college application and is a highly coveted entry on applications to Service Academies.



Attendees at MD Boys State have 2 exciting opportunities offered by McDaniel College. For a small fee (rate for 2024 to be determined) any graduate of MD Boys State can receive 2 College Credits for the week from McDaniel College by completing a few requirements in addition to full attendance and participation at MD Boys State. Also, McDaniel College is offering MD Boys State 2024 graduates that are accepted and enroll in McDaniel for the Fall 2025 semester \$10,000 per year (\$40,000) for four years in scholarship funds. See the attached flyer for more information.

Boys who attend in 2024 and meet the requirements may apply for the Samsung Scholarship grant, which last year amounted to \$1,100 for our State winner. There is an opportunity to receive up to \$20,000 in the Samsung Scholarship if selected as the National winner. More information and the application can be found at [www.legion.org/scholarships/samsung](http://www.legion.org/scholarships/samsung). The 2023 application is available now for completion at <http://www.legion.org/samsung-scholarship-application>. Note: Please remind students that only COMPLETE ONLINE SUBMISSIONS will be considered, so plan early and make sure the required school official certification form is completed before the end of the school year. Please advise your students that proof of military eligibility by their parents, grandparents, great grandparents or legally adopted parent who served during a period of war is required for the Samsung Scholarship. If the applicant needs to obtain a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214 or proof of service go to the website [www.NARA.gov](http://www.NARA.gov).

Additionally, the MD Boys State program offers opportunity for MD Boys State 2024 graduates to apply for the Robert O. Allen Memorial Scholarships. This scholarship is for \$500.00 and is awarded in June of 2025 to 10 applicants from the 2023 MD Boys State graduating citizens. The application will be available on the MD Boys State website in August 2024.

Posts and districts usually conduct orientations for those selected to attend in the May to early June timeframe, so submission should give sufficient time to process and fund the tuition at the Post for submission to Department Headquarters.

Completed Boys State Application must be received at The American Legion, Department of Maryland Headquarters no later than May 1, 2024.

Sincerely,



Russell W. Myers, Jr, Director  
The American Legion  
Maryland Boys State Program

Enclosures: Boys State Information Flyer  
Boys State Promotional Flyer  
Application Instruction Sheet  
Previous year's Boys State Program Book  
School Certification Form  
Financial Responsibility form for late cancellation  
Physician Statement in lieu of physical  
Medication Administration Authorization Form  
McDaniel College opportunities

**Note:** There is a companion program named MD Girls State conducted by The American Legion Auxiliary for young women completing their Junior year in high school. For more information on that program contact the Auxiliary at [hq@alamd.org](mailto:hq@alamd.org) or 410-242-9519. Their Facebook page for information on the application process is: <https://www.facebook.com/ALAMDGS>. Credit and scholarship opportunities above also apply for MD Girls State. Applications for MD Girls State can be found at [app.campdoc.com/register/mbsmgs/mgsparticipant](http://app.campdoc.com/register/mbsmgs/mgsparticipant)

Electronic copies of this letter can be found at: School Ltr  
(<https://mdlegion.sharepoint.com/:f/g/Ejr2mYNVRqdKsLbY3Dfs5-kBcM6FSV8Bmh7AIhWKA2Hg1g?e=Ge9Jxq>)

# Maryland Boys State Application Process

**Step 1:** Visit our site and review our orientation at

<http://mdlegion.org/Forms/MD%20Boys%20State%20Citizen%20Orientation%202024.pdf>

**Step 2:** Once you have reviewed the orientation and want to apply; visit our website at

[www.mdlegion.org/boysstate](http://www.mdlegion.org/boysstate) and click on "Apply Today" button to be directed to our online application portal on CampDoc link to go directly there <https://app.campdoc.com/register/marylandboys>

**Step 3:** Register as a participant for our 2024 Session Sunday June 16, 2024 – Saturday June 22, 2024

**Step 4:** Complete the Health profile in full. (In addition to answering all the questions, this task requires three forms to be downloaded, signed and then uploaded) Please email [boysstate@mdlegion.org](mailto:boysstate@mdlegion.org) for assistance with any part of application.

Form 1: School Certification is to be signed by School Counselor or Official

Form 2: Doctor Statement is to be completed by family Dr. or medical provider, NOTE: A valid physical within the last 12 months can be uploaded in the place of this form.

Form 3: Financial Responsibility for Late Cancellation Form is to be downloaded and the parent/guardian is to sign the form before it is uploaded to the portal.

Form 4: Boys State Waiver Form is to be downloaded and the parent/guardian is to sign the form before it is uploaded to the portal.

**Step 5:** Print the completed application and contact your School Counselor or local American Legion to secure sponsorship for the week. If issues exist, or questions arise, please email [boysstate@mdlegion.org](mailto:boysstate@mdlegion.org) for assistance once application is complete.

Our phone number is 410-752-1405

Russell W. Myers Jr

MD Boys State Director

**MD BOYS STATE OR MD GIRLS STATE  
SCHOOL CERTIFICATION/RECOMMENDATION**

We recommend this student of the Junior Class as a candidate for the Boys State Program. We believe the student has the qualifications of character, integrity, leadership, intelligence and interest that would allow for successful participation in the program.

NAME OF STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNSELOR'S/OFFICIAL'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE IF OTHER THAN COUNSELOR: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please have form signed by High School Counselor or Official, and then upload to application as a pdf, jpg, gif, or png file





## 2024 MD Boys State Agreement of Financial Responsibility in Case of Late Cancellation

MD Boys State is funded by donations from Local Posts and private donors that support our mission of educating future leaders in our community, State, and Nation. In recent years the number of students who cancel their registration for attendance at MD Boys State has increased dramatically. We believe part of this is apathy on the part of the parents and students in notifying us, as there is no cost to the family for a late cancellation. As we do not charge attendees tuition for attendance, and we do not want to establish a deposit system, as this could deter those unable to afford the deposit from attending and is contrary to our mission. We have therefor determined that an agreement between the parents of the applicants and The American Legion, Department of Maryland, Inc. is required to assure timely cancellations, and to reduce fees paid to our host institution for no-shows. This policy shall be enforced by the sponsoring Post or the Department as appropriate in the case of a late cancellation.

**This form must be signed by a parent or guardian that assumes the financial obligation for the full tuition (\$425.00) for a cancellation occurring within 30 days of the start date of MD Boys State. The form must be uploaded to the CampDoc site as part of the completed application.**

This agreement is to confirm that \_\_\_\_\_ (*printed name*) is an applicant to attend MD Boys State for the 2024 session from June 16-22, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_ (parent initials) I understand full attendance for the entire period is required.

\_\_\_\_\_ (parent initials) I further understand that cancellations for non-emergency reasons must be done in writing not later than 30 days before the start date of MD Boys State 2024, or May 17, 2024

\_\_\_\_\_ (parent initials) I further understand I will be held financially responsible for the reimbursement of tuition of \$425.00 in the event that I fail to cancel my son's registration for MD Boys State by the deadline of May 17 2024. Documented emergency reasons are exempted from this requirement.

\_\_\_\_\_ (parent initials) Emergency reasons are herein defined as: 1. Physician verified injury or illness of student sustained after the 30 day cancellation deadline, 2. Serious illness or injury to an immediate family member, verified by physician, 3. Hurricane or natural disaster strikes at McDaniel College or at the home of student, 4. Government Restrictions, Terrorism or mandatory evacuation at McDaniel College or at the home of student, 5. Home of student damaged, vandalized, or burglarized; verified by police report, 6. Required court appearance, verified by official documents, 7. Student is a victim of felonious assault prior to session, verified by police report, 8. Student in a serious traffic accident prior to session, verified by police or insurance report, 9. County School Board voted on school year extension affecting the student's school

I hereby certify that I assume full responsibility for reimbursement of tuition of \$425.00 in the event that I fail to cancel my son's registration for MD Boys State by the deadline of May 17, 2024. Documented emergency reasons are exempted from this requirement.

Should you require any further information regarding this matter, do not hesitate to contact me.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name:	Relationship to applicant:
Date:	Address:

**\*\*\* If Sponsoring Post agrees to waive financial responsibility for the parent, they may sign the top of the form header and place their written name and Position title with Post, and date. The name of the attendee must still be supplied on the first line of the form.\*\*\***

**PHYSICIAN'S MEDICAL INFORMATION (To be completed by applicant's physician)**

I have this day \_\_\_\_\_ examined \_\_\_\_\_ a candidate for attendance at (Circle one)

- a. Maryland Boys State Program
- b. Maryland Girls State Program

I find the candidate free of physical defects and communicable diseases at this time. (A signed copy of the physician's statement from the sports physical within 12 months from start of session may be substituted.) The following is a list of the medications and prescribed medications and the medical conditions for which these drugs are necessary:

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PHYSICIAN: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHYSICIAN's SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

# MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION FORM for Youth Camps in Maryland

This form must be completed fully in order for youth camp operators and staff members to administer the required medication or for the camper to self-administer medication. A new medication administration form must be completed at the beginning of each camp season, and each time there is a change in dosage or time of administration of a medication.

Maryland Department of Health (MDH)  
Office of Healthy Homes and Communities  
(410) 767-8417 or 1-877-463-3464 ext. 78417  
Draft Revision Date: 4/4/2018

- Prescription medication must be in a container labeled by the pharmacist or prescriber.
- Nonprescription medication must be in the original container with the instructions for use. Non prescription medication includes vitamins, homeopathic, and herbal medicines.
- An adult must bring the medication to the camp and give the medication to an adult staff member.

## Section I. PRESCRIBER'S AUTHORIZATION

1. CHILD'S NAME (First Middle Last)

2. DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy)

3. MEDICATION SHALL BE ADMINISTERED

during the year in which this form is dated in 7b below unless more restrictive dates are specified in 3a and 3b. This authorization is NOT TO EXCEED 1 YEAR.

3a. FROM (mm/dd/yyyy) 3b. TO (mm/dd/yyyy)

Medication Name

Condition Being Treated/PRN Parameters

Dose

Route

Frequency

OK to Self-Administer

OK to Self-Carry (Emerg Meds Only)

1

Emergency Medication: ☐ Yes ☐ No Known side effects:

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not emergency med

2

Emergency Medication: ☐ Yes ☐ No Known side effects:

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not emergency med

3

Emergency Medication: ☐ Yes ☐ No Known side effects:

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not emergency med

4. PRESCRIBER'S NAME/TITLE

TELEPHONE

FAX

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

This space may be used for the Prescriber's Address Stamp

5a. PRESCRIBER'S SIGNATURE (Parent/guardian cannot sign here)

5b. DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)

(original signature or signature stamp only)

## Section II. PARENT/GUARDIAN AUTHORIZATION

I request the authorized youth camp operator, staff member or volunteer to administer the medication or to supervise the camper in self-administration as prescribed by the above authorized prescriber. I certify that I have legal authority to consent to medical treatment for the child named above, including the administration of medication at the facility. I understand that at the end of the authorized period an authorized individual must pick up the medication; otherwise, it will be discarded. I authorize camp personnel and the authorized prescriber indicated on this form to communicate in compliance with HIPAA

6a. PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

6b. DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)

6c. INDIVIDUALS AUTHORIZED TO PICK UP MEDICATION

6d. HOME PHONE #

6e. CELL PHONE #

6f. WORK PHONE #

## Section III. AUTHORIZATION FOR SELF-ADMINISTRATION / SELF-CARRY (OPTIONAL)

THIS SECTION SHOULD ONLY BE COMPLETED IF ANY MEDICATIONS IN THE ASTHMA ACTION PLAN ABOVE ARE APPROVED FOR SELF-ADMINISTRATION. Self-carry is only permitted for emergency medications such as inhalers and epinephrine. Both the prescriber and the parent/guardian must consent to self-administration below. However, youth camp operators are not required to permit self-administration or self-carry.

I authorize self-administration of all of the medications listed in Section I above that are checked as "OK to self-administer" or "OK to self-administer and self-carry" for the child named above under the supervision of the youth camp operator, a designated staff member or volunteer. If indicated in Section I, the child named above may self-carry emergency medications checked as "OK to self-administer and self-carry."

7a. PRESCRIBER'S SIGNATURE

7b. DATE

8a. PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE

8b. DATE

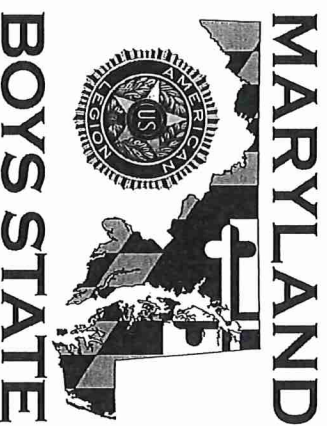
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MDH-4758-A (12/2019)



*Enhance your MARYLAND BOYS STATE experience by  
earning 2 college credits from McDANIEL COLLEGE*



### *College Credit Opportunity*

**To register:** Complete the attached form and

- 1) bring the form and a non-refundable fee of (TBD) when you check in at McDaniel for Boys State, **or**
- 2) mail the form and your payment in advance to:

McDANIEL COLLEGE  
OFFICE OF ACADEMIC Life  
2 COLLEGE HILL  
WESTMINSTER, MD 21157

### *Scholarship Opportunity*

All participants in MD Boys State 2024 are guaranteed a merit scholarship no less than \$10,000 per year to McDaniel College if they are admitted and enroll. as well as any other scholarships for which they are eligible.

### *Questions*

*Questions about the credit opportunity?*

Contact Academic Life  
[academiclife@mcDaniel.edu](mailto:academiclife@mcDaniel.edu) or 410-386-4674

*Questions about applying or the scholarship opportunity?*

Contact McDaniel Admissions:  
[admissions@mcDaniel.edu](mailto:admissions@mcDaniel.edu) or 410-857-2230



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## Testimonials

WHAT OUR PARENTS AND STUDENTS SAY ABOUT MD BOYS STATE...

### KYLE HAYWARD - 2017 (HARFORD TECH HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2018)

I would like to thank Boys State for such a empowering week. The counselors were great mentors especially (Flag City). I made new friends and learned important lessons. It was a hard week but a life changing week. I would like to thank the American Legion for all their hard work and contributions. I have come away with new tools to help me continue on my life's journey.

### MATTHEW GEIGER - 2019 (SOUTH CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2018)

For many individuals, Boys State was a way for them to learn about civics and government. For me, however, I learned how to be productive. You have five full days to elect a dozen-plus positions, participate in those roles, and still find time to sleep and eat. As soon as I got back home, I applied that mentality (besides the sleeping and eating part) to my daily life, and I've been much more productive. I'm working every day to better myself and those in my community; it's become my fixation. I thank Boys State for that; they've showed me that if you really, really, want something, you can get it. There is absolutely nothing out of reach in your life if you work for it.

### MISSY SHEPPARD BAJADEK - PARENT OF SEAN BAJADEK (2019) (MOUNT ST JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020)

A simple "thank you" somehow seems inadequate to express the gratitude my husband and I have for the staff at Maryland Boys State 2019- You are all amazing and the impact you had on the boys is tangible. Thank you for sharing your time and talent...it is truly appreciated!!!

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